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Letter dated 19 July 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a note of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia dated 11 July 1994, which was handed over to the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey at Belgrade (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 72 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Note dated 11 July 1994 from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the Embassy of Turkey at Belgrade

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and protests most strongly the countenance by the Government of the Republic of Turkey of the presence and continuous anti-Yugoslav activity of the so-called "Sandjak Villayet News Agency" in Turkey. Profound concern is also aroused by the fact that the Government of Turkey has allowed the "Agency" to work despite numerous warnings by the Yugoslav side that such an attitude will bring serious harm to the relations between the two countries.

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to reiterate that the constitutional system of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia knows of no "Sandjak" or a "Sandjak Villayet" and that the so-called "News Agency" is neither registered nor legal in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. As it represents the so-called "Muslim National Council of Sandjak", the aim of which is to establish a phantom "independent State of Sandjak", it is quite clear that its activities have nothing to do with "news agency" work. The aims of both the "Council" and the "Agency" are contrary to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a sovereign State and pose a threat to the territorial integrity of the country.

Accordingly, the reasons that have guided Turkey to accord hospitality to this illegal organization and to countenance its activities against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are unacceptable, just as evocative of the dark past of the Turkish occupation of these lands and offensive to the Yugoslav public as is the use of Turkish names ("Sandjak Villayet") for a region that is an integral part of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Turkey's countenance of, and support to, the activities of the "Agency" constitutes a gross interference in the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as an incitement and encouragement to this illegal separatist organization, which has a far-reaching negative impact on Yugoslav-Turkish relations and on peace and security in the Balkans, for which the Government of Turkey bears full responsibility.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls on the Government of the Republic of Turkey to reconsider its attitude in this matter and to take the necessary measures to prevent further activities of this illegal organization, thus giving a practical confirmation to its readiness to work for the normalization of relations and a dialogue between the two countries. This would, no doubt, be in accordance with Turkey's frequent public avowals to the effect that it supports the territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and that it does not pursue a hostile policy against it.